

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

GOVERNOR

March 24, 2016

The Honorable Brad Little President of the Senate Idaho Legislature Statehouse Mail Boise, ID 83720

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

## S 1389

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:40 p.m. on March 21, 2016.

I'm a gun owner, a hunter and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. I have consistently championed our citizens' gun rights throughout my years in public office, and I do so again today in signing Senate Bill 1389 into law.

However, in considering the implications of this measure I am reminded of the plain language of the Second Amendment: "A <u>well-regulated</u> Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

While S1389 is consistent with the U.S. Constitution, Idaho values and our commitment to upholding our constitutional protections from government overreach, I am concerned about its lack of any provision for education and training of individuals who choose to exercise the right to concealed carry. Such a safeguard would seem to be part of the Second Amendment's "well-regulated" standard. What's more, the addition of a simple training requirement in this bill could have addressed the concerns of our valued law enforcement leaders and others who cherish both the shooting culture and the safety of shooters and non-shooters alike.

In the absence of such a provision, I encourage anyone considering concealed carry to take advantage of gun safety training opportunities available from many reputable sources throughout Idaho. I also encourage the Legislature to monitor the exercise of this new law and respond appropriately when and if the lack of a statutory education and training requirement undermines public safety.

As Always - Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

C.L. "Butch" Otter

Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State